[From a new book written by Edward P. Thompson, just published in London.] PLAYFULNESS.

In the waking hours the influence of the imagination manifests itself by a playfulness of manner, and an exuberance of the animal spirits. The animal in its sportive moments abandons itself to a feeling in which its whole being seems to be concentrated in the performance of some one of its passions, whether of joy or mischief, defiance or fear. Erdi, who has bestowed great attention to the habits of the crustacea, says that he has seen the Cancer Moenas play with little round stones and empty shells, as cats do with a cork or small ball. Dogs, particularly young ones, are carried away with the impulse, rolling over and chasing each other in circles, seizing and shaking obplunge it into the water-trough,

other about in play, but perhaps the conduct of the and clear proof. throwing an abundant spray around. EXPERIENCE.

its previous fondness for them. A tame fox has large part of his time. been cured from stealing eggs and poultry by givaccidentally smelled the drug, and was so suscep- head on a hard surface, without waking him.

A fine old gander, which had lived from youth was left entirely without a help-mate-a misfortune with the handle. ly excited a great deal of interest, and after making clocks and watches. every enquiry, it appeared that the gander had eithhimself to one of the owner's geese, and sojourned touched the strings of his instrument. with her till she had hatched a pretty numerous brood. At length, finding that he had reared up

[From a new book, entitled "Essays on Life, Sleep, Pain, &c.," written by Samuel Henry Dick-son, Professor of Institutes and Practice in the Medical College of South Carolina.]

SLEEP.

"The necessary amount of sleep must differ in the various tribes, as well as in different individuals, according to numerous and varied contingencies. The average proportion of time thus employed by our race may be stated pretty fairly, I think, at one-third. The allotment of Sir William Jones, promoted by subjecting the acts of its agents who slightly altered from an old English goet, does not have the work in charge to public scrutiny, and that depart much from this standard :-

"Seven hours to books, to soothing slumber seven;

Ten to the world allot, and all to Heaven." The busy engagements of ambition and avarice may induce men to subtract more or less from their due repose, but any considerable deduction must be made at great risk to both mind and body. Sir lon. Our first efforts were the Raleigh and Gaston Road and the Wilmington and Raleigh Road. These to join in their games. Horses, in freedom, John Sinclair, who slept eight hours himself, says gallop hither and thither, snort and paw the air, that in his researches into the subject of longevity, Gaston via Raleigh, across the head waters of Neuse advance to their groom, stop suddenly short, and he found long life under every circumstance, every river navigation to Wilmington, contemplating in the again dash off at full speed. A horse belonging course of habit; some old men being abstinent, to one of the large brewing establishments in Lon- some intemperate, some active, and some into one of the large brewing establishments in London, at which a great number of pigs were kept, dolent; but all had slept well and long. Yet he mercially the East and the West, it afforded a pasused frequently to scatter the grains on the ground gives a letter from a correspondent, recording the sage North and South through the State. Such was with his mouth, and as soon as a pig came within case of an old man of ninety-one who had slept the system advocated by our wisest men, and intendhis reach, he would seize it without injury and through life but four hours a day. Alfred the ed by the legislature that granted the charter, and The hare will gambol round in circles, tumble Dr. Gooch tells us of an individual who slept only utter disregard of public sentiment destroyed this The hare will gambol round in circles, tumble over, and fly here and there. Berhu witnessed one which played the most singular antics with twelve which played the most singular antics with twelve lible. Bonaparte, during the greater part of his construction of the Raleigh and Gaston Road all the others, coursing round them, feigning death, and active life, was content with four or five hours' shire towns of the Counties through which it passed again springing up, seemed to illustrate the old sleep; the same is said of Frederick the Great, and were avoided, and instead of building up the beautisaying of "mad as a March hare." The same thing of John Hunter. I know familiarly a person whose ful villages of Louisburg and Warrenton, it was looccurs with rabbits, and many others of the roden- average has been even lower than this; I heard his cated just near enough to check their growth and cretia; and on warm days fish may be seen gambolling wife say that they were married four years before ate a few insignificant railway stations. Public opintia; and on warm days fish may be seen gambolling about in shoal water. Carp, in early morning, while the mist still hangs on the water, wallow in telling the incredible story of Mecaemas, that he had a Railroad vote from that section of the State. The the shallows, exposing their broad backs above the passed three years without sleeping a single hour. Wilmington road commenced with an act of injustice, surface. Whales, as described by Scoresby, are Boerhaave says of himself, that he was six weeks and has probably made Wayne County an anti-interextremely frolicksome, and in their play leap twen-ty feet out of the water. Small birds chase each Statements like these demand close examination waynesborough, the shire town of Wayne County,

crane and trumpeter (Psohia crepitans) is the most "Of long-protracted sleep there are numerous extraordinary. The latter stands on one leg, hops and wonderful tales, from the story of the Seven and subscribed about fifteen thousand dollars. The for a moment, but immediately the same Convention about in the most eccentric manner, and throws Sleepers of Ephesus, and their dog, to be found in road was run about one mile distant, and the consesomersets. The Americans call it the mad bird on the early legends of the Church; in the Koran's quent removal of the Court House to Goldsborough, account of these singularities. The crane expands chapter of the Cave; all over the east, as Gibbon has left the old town truly a "deserted village," its wings, runs round in circles, leaps, and throwing tells us; and even in Scandinavia-down to the monument of the truth of the legal maxim, "corpolittle stones and pieces of wood in the air, endeav- exquisite Rip Van Winkle of our own Washington ors to catch them again, or pretends to avoid them Irving. In the Philosophical Transactions we read as if afraid. Water birds, such as ducks and geese, of one Samuel Clinton, a laboring man, who fredive after each other, and cleave the surface of the quently slept several weeks at a time, and once volves a palpable violation of its charter. waters with outstretched neck and flapping wings, more than three months, without waking. In the is a curious history of a lady of Nismes, who fell first object was to reconcile as far as possible, sec-Animals are prompt at using their experience in asleep irresistibly at sunrise, woke for a brief interreference to things from which they have suffered val at noon, fell asleep again, and continued in that pain or annovance. Grant mentions an ourang state until seven or eight in the evening, when she Newbern, were to be harmonized. Therefore, to seoutang which having had, when ill, some medi- awoke, and remained awake until the next sunrise. cure this object, the Charter of the North Carolina cine administered to it in an egg, could never be Old-age and infancy sleep much. Old Parr slept Railroad Company expressly fixes the eastern termiinduced to touch one afterwards, notwithstanding almost constantly; Demoivre, in advanced life, a ni, respectively on the Neuse river where the Wil- show any thing like it. Any thing like it, did we tranged those whom God and nature designed for

"The desire of sleep is one of the most urgent ing them to him scalding hot from the saucepan. demands of nature. Some boys slept, from fatigue, have been granted. To avoid either of the points designated is a violation of the public faith—a palpady but would never be prevailed on to touch it Among the impressive incidents of Sir John Moore's ble public wrong. The Neuse river was fixed upon ced the opinion or the wish that the "compromise" seek to conciliate and persuade, it has exasperated again after a lighted match had been applied to disastrous retreat to Corunna, in Spain, not the as a terminus with a view to make Newbern and some it was drinking. Two carriage horses which least striking is the recorded fact that many of his Beaufort eastern ports of trade; and in order that this made a point of stopping at the foot of every hill. soldiers steadily pursued their march while fast might the more readily be accomplished the State apand refused to proceed in spite of every punish- asleep. Burdach, however, affirms that this is not vigation of the Newser Therefore we cannot consider a system it might otherwise passengers—making nearly two millions of dollar by vigation of the Newser Therefore we cannot consider a system it might otherwise passengers—making nearly two millions of dollar by vigation of the Newser Therefore we cannot consider a system it might otherwise passengers—making nearly two millions of dollar by vigation of the Newser Therefore we cannot consider a system it might otherwise passengers—making nearly two millions of dollar by vigation of the Newser Therefore we cannot consider a system it might otherwise passengers—making nearly two millions of dollar by vigation of the Newser Therefore we cannot consider a system it might otherwise passengers—making nearly two millions of dollar by vigation of the Newser Therefore we cannot consider a system it might otherwise passengers—making nearly two millions of dollar by vigation of the Newser Therefore we cannot consider a system it might otherwise passengers—making nearly two millions of dollar by vigation of the Newser Therefore we cannot consider a system it might otherwise passengers—making nearly two millions of dollar by vigation of the Newser Therefore we cannot consider a system it might otherwise passengers—making nearly two millions of dollar by vigation of the Newser Therefore we cannot consider a system it might otherwise passengers—making nearly two millions of dollars by the system is not a system in the system in the system in the system is not a system in the system ment, were considered beyond cure, but it was sugment, gested at last that several horses should be attached an hour swimming on his back. An acquaintance removing of the Eastern terminus from the bank of to the back of the carriage, and being put into a of mine, travelling with a party in North-Carolina, the river. Now, however incredible it may seem, the Abolition candidate. Both Sawyer and Atwood the two great sections of the confederacy? Their dotrot, be made to pull the refractory horses back- being greatly fatigued, was observed to be sound this is attempted to be done, and if not speedily pre- are opposed to the fugitive-slave law, while Dr. Mar- mestic institutions are matters which pertain to each wards. The result was perfectly successful, for asleep in his saddle. His horse, being a better vented by legal means, will be done, under circum- tin, the Democratic candidate, sustains it as alike exthenceforth they faced every hill at speed, and were walker, went far in advance of the rest. On cross- stances which mark it as an act of extraordinary innot to be restrained till they reached the summit. ing a hill, they found him on the ground snoring justice. A dog which had been beaten while some musk quietly. His horse had fallen, as was evident from of view the wrong done to the whole West by de- of the notorious John P. Hale; and both Hale and lineage, land, and language. They have one common Territory in Congress, has come forward in a Cardin was held to its nose, always fled away whenever it his broken knees, and had thrown his rider on his priving them of the advantages of the navigation of Tuck, Abolition Whigs, have left their seats in Con-

experiments to discover whether any portion of in regard to sleep. Fish are said to sleep soundly; lars; but we desire to call the public attention espemusk had been received by the body through the and we are told, by Aristotle, that the tench may cially to the manifest wrong done to the good old binding efficacy of the fugitive-slave law, the Dem- to add new lustre to the nation's annals in the late organs of digestion. Another dog which had been be taken in this state, if approached cautiously. accidentally burnt with a lucifer match, became an- Many birds and beasts of prey take their repose in gry at the sight of one, and furious if the act of the day-time. When kept in captivity, this habit lighting it was feigned. There are, besides, so undergoes a change, which makes us doubt whemany instances recorded of even higher degrees of ther it was not the result of necessity which deternal improvement. Their names are rarely found intelligence, that it is impossible to deny that ani- manded that they should take advantage of the in the negative, and the talent of her sons, which in mals arrive at a knowledge of cause and effect. darkness, silence, and the unguarded state of their many instances was the best talent of the State, was Strand, of Prague, had a cat on which he wished to make some experiments with an air pump, but as soon as the creature felt the expansion of the all home and is awake by day. They as soon as the creature felt the exhaustion of the all, however, seek, as favoring the purpose, a cer- say it not in a spirit of boasting) without their efair, it rapidly placed its foot on the valve, and thus tain degree of seclusion and shade, with the excepstopped the action. A dog, having a great antip- tion of the lion, who, Burdach informs us, sleeps at come the law of the land; neither would the Wilathy to the music of the violin, always sought to noonday, in the open plain-and the eagle and mington and Raleigh Railroad relief bill have passed, get the bow and conceal it. The well known story condor, which poise themselves on the most elevatrecorded by Plutarch proves the application of accidentally required experience: he says, that a mule laden with salt, fell accidentally into a stream, nished with a nietitating membrane generally to mule laden with salt, fell accidentally into a stream, nished with a nictitating membrane generally to we all so much rejoice; neither would that great and having percieved that its load became thereby shelter the eye from light. Fish prefer to retire to work, the Deep River navigation have been undertaksensibly lightened, adopted the same contrivance sleep under the shadow of a rock or a woody bank. en, which is to develop that new source of wealth, afterwards purposely; and that to cure it of the Of domestic animals, the horse seems to require our coal mines. Regarding first, as it was their duty trick, its panniers were filled with sponge, under the least sleep, and that he usually takes in the to do, the general good of the whole State, they were which, when fully saturated, it could barely stagerect posture. I knew one who was apt to fall their particular section. To secure, to us, beyond a when he slept standing. I have seen it happen to doubt, our share of the general good, the faith of the

to age in a sequestered spot on the banks of the nished with a well-adapted mechanism, which keeps river Neuse. Solway, had become a great favorite with its owner, them firmly supported without voluntary or conwho used to take much pleasure in seeing the sen- scious action. The tendon of the claws is so ar- scribe the one million of dollars. The citizens of the Democracy of the Union. It is the boast and tinel goese strutting through the long grass, rebu- ranged as to be tightened by their weight when Newbern did not relax in their exertions. And alking the approach of every stranger, and leading forth a long train of cackling young, to dip their shooting pinions in the Solway. One season, however, either the demands for a Christmas goose, or the midnight depredation of the many stranger and leading the thighs are bent, thus contracting closely, and grasping the bough or perch. In certain other shooting pinions in the Solway. One season, however, either the demands for a Christmas goose, or the midnight depredation of the subscribed about \$40,000. We labored against every part of our Union; that it follows the flag of our country, wherever it waves, in defence of the midnight depredations of the fox or fourant bling the spring of a pocket-knife, which opens the had become so numerous, that the poor old gander instrument and serves to keep the blade in a line the meetings of the Stockholders. The citizens of any, even the smallest infraction of any portion of the

which he deplored day and night by many a dole- "It has been prettily said that, without Hope this work,) and they rewarded us by electing A. T. the creed or usages of our party, necessarily separate ful and sorrowful note. These affectionate repi- and Sleep, man would be inconceivably wretched. Jerkins, Esq., a director of the Company. Mr. themselves from it, and become RENEGADES. They nings did not escape the observation of its owner's The circumstances favoring sleep, besides a quiet Jerkins was diligent in attending the meetings of the servants, and orders had just been given for repla- conscience, a mind unexcited, and a body free from directory. The first question of importance, in the ocratic Republicans, and assume an attitude of hoscing the extripated breed of geese, when the wid-pain, are, a recumbent posture, silence, and dark-location of the road, was its Eastern terminus. After tility to their principles and organization. And not location of the road, was its Eastern terminus. owed biped suddenly disappeared, to the great regret of the whole family. One blamed the fox, 'What would make one sleep well in the night?'

The trill of the appeared, to the great repeated discussions a depot was located upon the being with, nor supporting, nor of our party, they are, according to inspired teaching, against it. another the fournart, and a third the gipsies; but 'The best way,' he replied, 'was to have divine and the event proved they were all mistaken, for one celestial meditations, and to use honest affections the charter as possible. With this arrangement all morning as Mr. Craig was entering the breakfast in the day-time.' Muller says he could go to sleep parties should have been satisfied, but there was a disparlor, he heard a well-known cackle, and immediat will on resuming a recumbent position. Bona- position continually exhibited in certain quarters to ately exclaimed, "If the old Stag had not been parte, during his grand career, required no condidrowned or worried, I could have sworn it was his tion but darkness; yet, at St. Helena, he suffered parties secured the support of the West, and it was in November. She leads off in the great campaign. cry." The call was immediately repeated, and on going out to the lawn, or on looking out of the exercises an almost omninotent influence in this going out to the lawn, or on looking out of the exercises an almost omnipotent influence in this section of the road actually taken. window, Mr. Craig beheld the identical old gander, matter. A distinguished watchmaker, having resurrounded by a whole flock of bonny lady geese, tired from business, was in danger of phrentis for in which Mr. Jerkins, the director from Newbern, felt other States with joy and congratulations. It will be whose approach he was thus proudly announcing, want of sleep. After several miserable weeks of a deep interest, and he was particularly the advocate fruitful to present benefit, and an auspicious omen for and whose wings were still dripping with the brine this privation, some one suggested a return to his of the location at Waynesborough. Several attempts the future. It will place New Hampshire still firmer of that element through which he had taught them old place of abode. The experiment succeeded to defeat this, as a final arrangement, were made in her proud position of the Standard Bearer of the lines. Our defeat while it deto pilot their way for a distance of at least twelve or fifteen miles. This singular occurrence natural, at once rejoiging in the loud ticking of scores of the directors was held at Hillsboro' presses our triends, would elevate the hopes and inor fifteen miles. This singular occurrence natural- at once, rejoicing in the loud ticking of scores of on the — day of December last, and it was generally spire the energies of our enemies. It would arm

er been carried away by the force of the tide, or old harpist given by Brandis, who slept the instant at home. On the very first occasion of his absence greeted with the shouts of Abolition exultation; the had voluntarily swam to the opposite shore, where he left off playing: but, although undisturbed by the location at Waynesborough was attacked, and atlanding on some English farm, he had attached other sounds, woke up immediately as any one

Herr Driesbach had a fight with his tiger on another family, to re-people his favorite retreat, or the 10th ult., at Schenectady, and came off conbeing attracted by the woods of his old haunts queror. During the exciting scene he received while sporting on the Solway on some clear sunny several scratches about his person, but no material day, he once more ventured to cross the water, carrying with him his Euglish spouse and her whole his vest and pants.

Files of all Nations. A London exhibitor thus sums up the hanging question: "After a caretions;" and among them "Kossuth on four Austrian fleas," and "Louis Napoleon on the Russian that the "debt of nature" should never be paid, if it can't be collected without an execution."

For the Standard.

NORTH CAROLINA RAILROAD. MR. EDITOR: Your readers have probably observed that the citizens of Newbern have publicly expressed their disapprobation of the late change of the Eastern terminus of the North Carolina Railroad. And as this work is one of great importance, whatever affects its prosperity will interest the citizens of the State generally. This is the grandest, and if un-successful, probably the last effort North Carolina will make in this generation. We are of those who believe that the interests of this improvement will be a due deference on their part to public opinion is

necessary to its final success. The failure, and consequent unpopularity of our works of internal improvement, to a great extent, have resulted from the wretched blunders of those who directed their construction; and in this respect their greatest blunder was an utter disregard of public opinon. Our first efforts were the Raleigh and Gaston future an extension West through the blue ridge to the valley of the Mississippi, and East to Beaufort Great slept eight hours, Jeremy Taylor but three. approved by public opinion. Petty jealousies, and an were assured by the Company that on condition they would subscribe very liberally, the road should pass rations have no souls."

Now, instead of avoiding these errors, the North Carolina Railroad Company is about to commit one still more gross, inasmuch as with all the rest it in-

The patriotic Legislature of 1848-'9 resolved to tional interests. The East and the West were to be most important commercial towns, Wilmington and the intermediate points, Raleigh and Salisbury. Without these express stipulations the charter never would

To make this injustice apparent, we will leave out the river Neuse, and a choice of markets, for which tible of it that it was used in some psycological "Animals of the lower orders obey peculiar laws the State is now expending the forty thousand doltown of Newbern.

In the first place we will remark that the represen-State was pledged to us, that the Eastern terminus "Birds that roost in a sitting posture are fur- of the Central Road should be upon the bank of the

run thence in nearly a straight line to the Wilmington road, which was as literal a compliance with

understood that no subject of importance would be "Of contrasted impressibility is the case of the canvassed. Important business detained Mr. Jerkins

tacked successfully. The first intimation we have of these extraordinary papers, "that they are happy to state that finally

A CAPITAL PUN. The Milwaukie Advertiser They consider it discourteous towards the director falsehood. NEWBERN.

Newbern, Feb. 25, 1852.

THE STANDARD.

RALEIGH, N. C.

SATURDAY, MARCH 6, 1852.

Mr. C. W. James, No. 1 Harrison Street, Cincinnati, Ohio, is our General Travelling Agent for the Wes- all owe allegiance. Its provisions we are bound by Alabama, tern States, assisted by John T. Dent, Dr. J. A. Wads- an oath to obey, and it is the high duty of every man worth, Alex. R. Laws, James Rutherford, Dr. Lott Ed- to obey them without an oath. The makers of the Maine, wards, C. M. L. Wiseman, and H. J. Thomas.

Mr. HENRY M. LEWIS, Montgomery, Alabama, is our General Travelling Agent for the States of Alabama not one containing provisions which they knew could and Tennessee, assisted by C. F. Lewis, James O. Lew- not be enforced, and which would render the law and is and Samuel D. Lewis. Mr. ISRAEL E. JAMES, No 182 South Tenth Street, Philadelphia, is our General Travelling Agent, assisted

by Wm. H. Weld, John Collins, James Deering, A. K. Wellington, E. A. Evans, Perrin Locke, George P. Button, Jos. Button, D. R. Goodin, William J. Coxey, Isaac M. Bodine and Walter D. Thompson.

Receipts from either of the above will be good.

NEW-HAMPSHIRE.

The people of New-Hampshire will vote on the 9th of this month for Governor, Railroad Commissioner, Councillors, Senators, and County officers. Three parties are in the field-the old-fashioned Jetfersonian Democrats, the modern Whigs, and the to my knowledge, has ever warned us of its enormity, Abolitionists proper; and as this is the first election or anathematized those who were concerned in its enin 1852, it is natural that it should excite the particular attention of the people of other States.

position in this struggle, as a brief statement of facts case raised, decided that this feature of the law could will show. At the regular State Convention of the not be constitutionally enforced; that it was optional party, held in October, 1850, John Atwood received cases or not. The Legislatures of many of the Norththe nomination as the Democratic candidate for Gov- ern States thereupon refused the use of their jails, ernor. The Democrats, in this Convention, endorsed and foroade State officers under heavy penalties from the "compromise" in all its length and breadth, and acting in the delivering up of slaves. Hence arose took the field on the broad platform of the Constitution and equal rights; but their candidate, John At- instead of the States. This is the main and essenwood, wrote a letter soon after the campaign com- tial difference between the two enactments. menced, in which he expressed himself strongly against the fugitive-slave law. What was the result? Were the sterling Democrats of that State at fied with these measures of adjustment, and that they through their village. They strained every nerve a loss as to the proper course to be adopted? Not shall stand. The leaders of abolitionism know well which had neminated Mr. Atwood was re-assembled, while no movement for that purpose has been made. his nomination was revoked by a vote of two hundred That reckless spirit of disorganization which, in its and three to two, and a new candidate, in favor of the blind fury, like Sampson of old, would pull down fugitive-slave law, was nominated. This candidate, the temple of our constitutional liberties, crushing all in its ruins, has been rebuked. It is to be seen wheth-Gov. Dinsmoor, entered the contest against both the er it is to be resuscitated in New Hampshire—to rule in gold. Whig candidate and John Atwood, who remained in the councils and atter the voice of the Gibraltar of the field as the Abolition candidate; and the result the Democracy of the North. was that the Democrats failed to elect their candidate by the people, but succeeded in doing so by the Lee. Futile for good, it has been potent for evil and that Berlin Memoirs of the Academy of Sciences, there undertake a great State work. And in doing so, the by the people, but succeeded in doing so by the Le- continually. It has been fruitful of strife, heart-burngislature. A bolder, a wiser, or a more patriotic ings, and perril; but it has liberated no slave. It united and the interests of the capital and of our two movement was never made by any party, than the has made his yoke heavier, and his chain tighter. It one referred to in relation to Atwood; and the history has set brother against brother, State against State, of Federalism in the free States, since the adoption of sown animosity towards the South; at the South it the "compromise," may be safely challenged to has stirred up enmitties against the North. It has es- from that City—Gen. Alexander Anderson, formenty mington road crosses, and at Charlatte; it also fixes say? We may use a still stronger expression-we friends; whose interests are promoted as their intermay assert, and we do assert, with confidence, that their interchange of products and friendly offices more no Convention of the Whigs of the free States has, frequent. By interfering where it has no right, and Congress from Ohio. thus far, endorsed the fugitive-slave law, or announ- attempting to dragoon and coerce where it should

> proper-and Mr. Atwood, who is again running as Why should an eternal warfare be kept up between and Hibbard-to visit the State and meet Hale and the members of the Democratic Committee say:

> " Slavery agitation is again to rear its front, to disturb that fraternal harmony so indispensable to the integrity of the Union, and to all the industrial pursuits ter them to tragments, and send down the story of and views of the leading men of the Democratic faith, the attempt will be made to seduce the unsuspecting, though honest-hearted men of the party, to the FALL. betrayal of those principles which they have so long cherished and maintained.'

> Strong reasons are urged upon Messrs. Norris, in the struggle; but they have declined to do so, in of the South to Northern manufactures; divert Southable and patriotic letters, which we have before us. ern staples from their present channels, to be carried The letter of Mr. Peaslee embraces a number of tosustaining the fugitive-slave law, and its whole tone spread and daily increasing prosperity. is highly honorable to the writer and the great cause to which it is devoted. Among other things he says: "The Democratic party never was and never can

be a sectional party, and not become extinct. There The charter being secured, it was necessary to sub- of the East, nor of the West, in contradistinction to though the road did not reach them by sixty miles, sertion of State rights, and a strict construction of the the west sympathized with the spirit our citizens country's rights. Any political faction, then, formed manifested, (I speak of those few who engaged in upon sectional or geographical grounds, unknown to

"The trail of the serpent is over them all," We make the following extracts from the admirable and patriotic letter of Mr. Hibbard :

"In New Hampshire is the first of the series of State elections which precede the Presidential contest ious solicitude throughout the Union. The success Again, it was well known that this was a matter of the Democracy will be hailed by our brethren in presses our friends, would elevate the hopes and inthem with fresh courage in their onset for the continued possession of executive power. It would be

The foregoing considerations, as I conceive, indiproceedings is the announcement in the Goldsborough cate the issues really involved in this election. They are questions which our opponents dare not, and cannot meet. They have been too often and too disas-Goldsborough is made the eastern terminus of the North Carolina Railroad." The road as thus located trously routed in former attempts not to be aware of is hastily put under contract, and the work being ra- their inability openly to maintain them before the pidly done, thus, intentionally or not, multiplying the people. Hence it is that these issues are avoided, difficulties of a return to what is right and just. | und new ones attempted to be raised. For this cause We have hastily attempted to state this whole mat- the slavery agitation is sought to be revived, and again

announces a show of "two hundred fleas of all nations;" and among them "Kossuth on four Auscapital punishment, we have come to the conclusion.

Then were adopted as a settlement of the dangerous sections of the Railroad, two-thirds thus sums up the hanging question: "After a careful consideration of all the arguments for and against violation of the Charter of the Railroad, two-thirds

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Then were adopted as a settlement of the dangerous sections. The were adopted as a settlement of the dangerous sections. The were adopted as a settlement of the dangerous sections of the Railroad, two-thirds. country. They were supported by the Democratic delegates in Congress from New Hampshire, and have been approved by the Democracy of that State, Scott, but Counties for Mr. Fillmore!

in common with a vast majority of the people of the DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION

The Constitution is the supreme law of the land. It is the great bond of union, by virtue of which these States are one free and happy people. To it we Kentucky, fugitive-slave law meant to frame an act which should Massachusetts, fairly give effect to that clause of the Constitution : the Constitution a nullity. It is one of the Compro-mise measures, without all of which none could have Maryland, been adopted. In no one of its provisions is it more Virginia, stringent than the fugitive-slave law of 1792, which was introduced by a Northern man, passed without Missouri, opposition in Congress, approved by Washington, Florida, and has continued till the present time; for it is not now repealed. That law had no trial by jury, and no provisions respecting the writ of habeas corpus, (a right which neither law withholds,) different from the present statute. Under this law of 1792 most of the present generation of men have been born and ived. No excitement has been raised about it. Many fugitive-slaves have been returned to their masters by virtue of its authority. No assumed philanthropist, actment. That law imposed certain duties in the extradition of slaves upon officers holding their commissions under State Governments. The Supreme The Democracy of New-Hampshire occupy a noble | Court of the United States, some years ago, upon a with State officers whether they would act in such the necessity for the act of 1850, which imposed

> The country is sick of this causeless and dange-Nearly three months of the present session has elasped,

should be regarded as a "finalty," and irrepealable. ing the slave. It has induced the necessity for more The contest now going on in New-Hampshire, is rigorous laws and stricter discipline. It has wedded York on the 29th, with \$1,300,000 in gold, and 145

pedient and Constitutional. The Assembly to be to interfere. Their interests are not inimical, as is often falsely asserted; but identical and mutually deelected, is to choose a Senator for six years, in place pendent on each other. They are brethren of the same their own, Mr. Bernhisel, the Delegate from that gress to stump the State. In view of this array of side they fought the battles of the Revolution. Tostrength against the cause of Democracy and the sion in the second war of Independence. They joined ocrats of that State have recently invited their Repre- war with Mexico. Together they have grown up to sentatives in the House-Messrs. Norris, Peaslee, greatness and empire. They are bound to each other by the glorious recollections of the past; they must share in the common destiny of the untried future. on themselves alone. Invasion by all the Powers of Europe combined cannot crush them. But insane divisions, ending in discord and civil war, may shatof the North; and, by misrepresenting the position our Confederacy, like that of the Republics of olden time-a beacon-light and a warning to all coming ages. United they stand, and divided they

The agriculture of the South and the manufactures and shipping of the North, are the natural allies and sustainers of each other. Realize the mad dreams of sectional enthusiasts; abolish free commerce between Peaslee, and Hibbard, to visit the State and take part the Northern and Southern States; close the markets in foreign bottoms to foreign markets, and grass would grow in the streets of our populous cities; pics; but it is pointed in relation to the necessity of blight and destruction would fall where now is wide-

upon the commercial and mercantile interests of the crucified. Another, a pipemaker by trade, had never North, has already been sensibly felt. It has been but a forestate of the ruin which would follow, should free scope be given to such frenzied machinations. May God avert these and all other evils from our be-

these extracts. They contain sentiments worthy of the national Democracy, and such as we take pleasure in laying before our readers. We are proud to claim the Democrats of New Hampshire as associ- was-had no idea; did not know what was to become that victory will crown their efforts at the ballot-box.

THE MAILS. Extract of a letter from Macon, Mississippi, dated

FEBRUARY, 13, 1852. "I wish to state the reason the people do not subscribe more liberally to newspapers; it is because the mail fails to bring them until they are three weeks government abolished African slavery at a cost of behind the time. Now, if the mail matter could be \$100,000,000 ! We venture to say that out of the brought regularly, the offices in this section would be three millions of slaves in the United States, not out full of papers, and a great many persons would subscribe. I would be glad if something could be done

to improve the mail arrangements." The above extract from the Washington Union will apply as forcibly to this State as to Mississippia We have frequent complaints of the miscarriage and non-arrival of our paper, though we know it is well packed up and promptly deposited in the Post office here. Who is to blame?

APPOINTMENTS BY THE GOVERNOR. Gov. Reid has appointed as his Private Secretary,

of Mr. Thomas Settle, Jr., of Rockingham, resigned. We have received letters from friends who speak of The Governor has also appointed Messrs. John C. his Lectures in flattering terms. Palmer and E. P. Guion, of this City, Directors in the North Carolina Institution for the Deaf and Dumb

appointed a State Director in the Bank of the State just elected him to the United States' Senate. of North Carolina, in place of James B. Shepard,

and Roanoke Railroad, on Thursday last, says the gon Territory, on account of his political opinions; Norfolk Beacon, Dr. William Collins was re-elected and he was recently elected by an immense majority. tion an act of gross injustice towards themselves. organization—a stalking-horse of demagoguism and President, and Andrew Joyner, M. N. Falls, A. Mehaffey, M. Robinson, and J. Barnes, Directors.

The Washington Republic is engaged in publishing the proceedings of County Meetings in favor of Mr. Fillmore for the Presidency. States declare for on his studying-cap, and tell us how it is and why it

in common with a vast majority of the people of the country. But the forlorn hope of factious agitation must have some hook to hang upon. The Compromise measures have been selected as the most eligible different States, in reference to the close. different States, in reference to the election of Dele gates to the Baltimore Convention;

" States that have already Elected. Tennessee, Mississippi. Texas, Wisconsin, New-Hampshire, New-York, States about to Elect. Convention, New Haven, March Pennsylvania, Harrisburg, Man Bat. Rouge, Mar by Districts, Convention, Richmond, Milledgeville, March Jefferson, Madison,

Springfield.

Iowa City,

Trenton,

Little Rock, North-Carolina, Raleigh, States not heard from. Michigan, Vermont, Delaware, South-Caroli

Illinois,

New-Jersey,

Arkansas.

lowa,

SUPREME COURT. The following cases have been decided, since or

By Ruffin, Ch. J. In doe ex dem, Judith Long By RUFFIN, Oh. J. S. Orrel', from Davie, affirming the judgment. Also, s. Orrel', from Davie, amarding a venire de novo, n Arnold, from Moore, awarding a venire de novo. Also, in doe ex dem, Crump vs. Thompson, from Davie, indoment idson, affirming the judgment. By Pearson, J. In Faucet vs. Adams, from Or.

ange, affirming the judgment. Also, in Heath vs. Heath, in Equity from Craven, dismissing the bill with costs. Also, in Purnell vs. Daniel, in Equity, from Halifax, affirming the decretal order. Also, in Strong vs. Menzies, in Equity, from Rockingham dismissing the bill with costs." [Since publishing, in our last, the Opinion pro

nounced by the Chief Justice, in the case of the Bank of the State vs. the Bank of Cape Feat, was learn that that Opinion has been so far modified, as to exclude that portion relative to the issue of boles,

FROM CALIFORNIA.

The steamer Prometheus arrived at New York on Saturday last, bringing 234 passengers, and \$432,000

The miners on the Sacramento were meeting with great success, and were working night and day, John B. Weller, Democrat, had been elected Uni-

ted States' Senator from California, by a vote of " to 17. The Whigs made no regular nomination. The Democratic candidates before the caucus, were David Broderick, formerly of New York-Robert McLane, formerly of Baltimore, and a member of the House of Tennessee-and Gov. Smith, formerly of Virginia

Col. Weller is a sound Democrat, and will make an excellent Senator. He was formerly a member of Col. Fremont is on his way back to the Atlanta

States with his family. The steamer Crescent City also arrived at New

these two steamers.

It having been reported that the people of Utah, authorities and set up an independent government of

"THE MORMONS-A CARD. In the Washington and New York papers there is news by telegraph that the Mormons at Great Salt Lake City had published a declaration of independence, in which they asser their determination to set up a republic for themselves; that the United States authorities are out at defiance, that all the United States officers had left, and that the people were prepared to resist all authority by fortifying their settlement; which I have no hesitation in pronouncing a mistake. From my last advices, received from the authorities in Utah, I am certain that no such state of things were ever thought of or contemplated as that described in the paragraphs of the newspapers alluded to. It is either a sheer fabrication or a misunderstanding growing out of the United States officers leaving the Territory last wa-JOHN M. BERNHISEL,

Delegate from Utah. Washington City, March 1, 1852."

LAMENTABLE IGNORANCE OF PRISONERS. The Recorder, in his charge to the jury at the Liverpool Sessions, on Monday, dwelt upon this subject, and adduced some startling examples which had been brought under his notice: One man had been found entirely ignorant of religious subjects, believing that The pernicious effect of this intermeddling spirit Christ had been stoned to death, and not that he was heard of Jesus Christ. Another did not know who his Redeemer was, but could partly guess. Another was entirely ignorant on the subject; did not know the meaning of Redeemer; knew not where Christ was born, but believed that he was twice crucified-We offer no apology for the space occupied by first in heaven, and the second time in hell; he had no idea whatever of what became of the soul after death. Another knew not the Redeemer, nor who Jesus Christ was. Another who had been five years in Liverpool, a laborer, could not say who his Suriout did not know what he was. And so, said the learned Recorder, with regard to the female prisoners; one woman knew not the name of her Redeemer, had heard of Jesus Christ, but had forgotten all about

And this in enlightened England, where they have habeas corpus, trial by jury, and all that; and whate can be found as ignorant of the Christian religion 25 are these subjects of the British crown.

THE MIND.

We understand that Professor Brackette, from Kentucky, who is now at Wake-Forest College, will, within a week or two, deliver two or three Lectures in this City, on the science of Phrenology and the operations of the intellect.

We entertain no doubt that he will have a in share of public attention here, as his Lectures have Mr. William H. Jones, of Wake County, in place been commended by persons competent of judging

John B. Weller, formerly of Ohio, was removed by Gen. Taylor, on account of his political opinions, from the Mexican Boundary Commission. The page L. O'B. Branch, Esq. of this City, has been ple of California, through their Representatives, hard

Gen. Joseph Lane, of Indiana, who fought with General Taylor against the Mexicans, and shed his blood in the battle of Buena Vista, was also remov-At a meeting of the Stockholders of the Seaboard ed by the former from his place as Governor of Orethe Congress of the United States.

Such facts need no comment.

Will the Editor of the Raleigh Register pub is that all the new States are Democratic?